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**BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING ENTITLEMENT CHANGE (J8)**

1. References:

a. NGB-ARC-F memorandum, Mr. Gary James, 24 April 2006,  
Subject: Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) Entitlement Rules for Reserve Component  
Members Performing Active Duty for More Than 30 Days (DFAS MILPAY E-Message 06-056;  
140 Day RC BAH/OHA Rule Change)

b. Public Law 109-163 dated 6 January, 2006

c. DFAS MILPAY E-Message 06-063 (BAH for RC Members)

2. The purpose of this message is to simplify the aforementioned references and to provide guidance to soldiers affected by these changes in policy. The enclosed table outlines the precise requirements and applicable entitlements for various active duty tours.

3. Public Law 109-163, dated 6 January 2006, reduced the minimum number of days (from 140 to 31) an RC member must be called or ordered to active duty to receive the full housing allowance rate. This change is effective for any member called to duty on or after 6 January, 2006. A member whose service is extended on or after 6 January, 2006, through amended or modified orders, and who serves more than 30 days from the extension order, is authorized allowances under the new rules effective the date of the order extending the duty.

4. The BAH entitlement for an RC member called to duty for 31-139 days is now based on their principal place of residence at the time called or ordered to active duty. RC Soldiers called or ordered to active duty for 140 days or more will continue to receive BAH at their duty location. Orders published for an active duty period of 180 days or more must contain the following remark; **"shipment of household goods is authorized"**.

5. RC soldiers without dependents on duty in excess of 30 days for other than a contingency operation, and cannot prove housing costs are entitled to BAH-II. If a member is residing in permanent government housing at the time of call to duty, then no BAH is payable, regardless of the length of the order; occupying government housing once duty has commenced does not effect the BAH entitlement.

6. These entitlement changes do not apply to soldiers called or ordered to active duty in support of a contingency operation.

7. The Military Pay office has taken corrective action to adjust the BAH from duty location to primary residence for soldiers placed on active duty for 31-139 days after 6 January 2006. This action involved collecting all BAH received based on duty location and simultaneously paying BAH based on primary residence. In the event that a soldier's pay account has not been corrected to reflect the current changes, he/she should contact their chain of command.

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BAH Entitlement Table

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# OF DAYS OF ACTIVE DUTY	SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS REQUIREMENT	ENTITLEMENTS
1-30 DAYS	N/A	BAH TYPE II <b>NO CONUS COLA</b>
31-139 SINGLE SOLDIERS (NO DEPENDENTS)	1. DA5960 STATING SOLDIER'S PRINCIPAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE IN BLOCK #5 2. SINGLE SOLDIERS MUST SHOW PROOF OF HOUSING COSTS VIA MORTGAGE STATEMENT, LEASE OR NOTARIZED STATEMENT	BAH TYPE I WITHOUT DEPENDENTS (BASED ON RESIDENCE) <b>NO CONUS COLA ENTITLEMENT</b>
31-139 DAYS SINGLE SOLDIERS (PAYING CHILD SUPPORT)	1. DA5960 STATING SOLDIER'S PRINCIPAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE IN BLOCK # 5 2. SINGLE SOLDIERS MUST SHOW PROOF OF HOUSING COSTS VIA MORTGAGE STATEMENT, LEASE OR NOTARIZED STATEMENT 3. CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE 4. DOCUMENT(S) REFLECTING AMOUNT OF CHILD SUPPORT	1. BAH TYPE I WITH DEPENDENTS (BASED ON RESIDENCE); IF SOLDIER PAYS SUFFICIENT CHILD SUPPORT 2. BAH TYPE I WITHOUT DEPENDENTS (BASED ON RESIDENCE) & BAH-DIFF; IF SOLDIER DOES NOT PAY SUFFICIENT CHILD SUPPORT <b>NO CONUS COLA ENTITLEMENT</b>
31-139 DAYS MARRIED SOLDIERS (SPOUSE NOT MILITARY)	1. DA5960 STATING SOLDIER'S PRINCIPAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE IN BLOCK # 5 2. MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE	BAH TYPE I WITH DEPENDENTS (BASED ON RESIDENCE) <b>NO CONUS COLA ENTITLEMENT</b>
31-139 DAYS MARRIED SOLDIERS (SPOUSE IS MILITARY & <b>NO CHILDREN</b> )	1. DA5960 STATING SOLDIER'S PRINCIPAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE IN BLOCK # 5 2. MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE	BAH TYPE I WITH DEPENDENTS (BASED ON RESIDENCE); PROVIDED SPOUSE IS NOT ON ACTIVE DUTY NOTE: IF SPOUSE IS ALSO ACTIVE DUTY, BOTH WILL RECEIVE BAH TYPE I AT THE WITHOUT DEPENDENT RATE (CANNOT CLAIM EACHOTHER) <b>NO CONUS COLA ENTITLEMENT</b>
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140 + DAYS SINGLE SOLDIERS (NO DEPENDENTS)	1. DA5960 STATING SOLDIER'S DUTY LOCATION IN BLOCK # 5	BAH TYPE I & CONUS COLA WITHOUT DEPENDENTS (BASED ON DUTY LOCATION)

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180 + DAYS REGARDLESS OF STATUS (DOES NOT APPLY TO CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS)	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE  <b>ORDERS MUST STATE THAT SHIPMENT OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS IS AUTHORIZED</b>